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HUDGENS ISSUE RULING ON FATAL FIRE IN GORDON COUNTY

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens has ruled a Wednesday, Feb. 14 mobile home fire that claimed the life of elderly Gordon County man accidental.

Killed by the fire was Alvin Leon Graham, 75. His home located at 460 Apple Road in Ranger, Ga., was destroyed by the blaze. Firefighters discovered Graham's body in the living room of the house.

An investigator with Hudgens' Fire Unit was unable to determine the exact cause of the fire but believes a frayed electrical cord located near the front door may have started the blaze. No evidence of a working smoke alarm was found in the home, Hudgens said. A neighbor reported the fire around 12:53 p.m.

The Gordon County Fire Department assisted with the investigation.